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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF NORTHWEST TELEPHONE, INC. TO ZAYO GROUP, LLC

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 08-44

Comments Due: April 10, 2008
Reply Comments Due: April 17, 2008

The following application was filed pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules requesting approval to transfer control of Northwest Telephone, Inc. (NTI) to Zayo Group, LLC (Zayo).¹ NTI, a Washington corporation, is a competitive access provider in Idaho, Washington, and Oregon and, through its subsidiary, NTI of California, LLC, in California.² Zayo is a Delaware limited liability company that is wholly owned by Communications Infrastructure Investments, LLC ("CII" and together with Zayo, the "Company"), a Delaware limited liability company. Applicants state that Zayo and CII provide telecommunications services through several telecommunications entities operating in various states.³ The following U.S.-based entities own 10 percent or more of CII: Oak Investment Partners XII,

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 63.03; *see* 47 U.S.C. § 214. Applicants are also filing applications for the transfer of control of associated international authorization and two common carrier fixed point-to-point microwave licenses. Any action on this domestic 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

² NTI may spin-off NTI of California, LLC to NTI's shareholders prior to closing the transaction described herein. Upon receiving approval from the California Public Utilities Commission, Zayo also will acquire control of California, LLC which does not hold any licenses from the FCC.

³ Memphis Networkx, LLC (now known as Zayo Bandwidth Tennessee, LLC) provides competitive intrastate telecommunications services in Tennessee; PPL Telcom, LLC (now known as Zayo Bandwidth Northeast, LLC) and PPL Prism, LLC (now known as Zayo Bandwidth Northeast Sub, LLC) provide competitive local exchange and/or interexchange services in the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia; Indiana Fiber Works LLC (now known as Zayo Bandwidth Indiana, LLC) provides competitive telecommunications services in Indiana and dark fiber services in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio; Onvoy Inc. provides competitive local exchange services in Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin, and interexchange services in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin; and Minnesota Equal Access Corporation provides telecommunications services in Minnesota and North Dakota; Citynet Fiber Network, LLC (CFN) provides wholesale services in Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania,

Limited Partnership, Oak Associates XII, LLC,⁴ M/C Venture Partners VI, L.P., M/C VP VI, L.P., M/C Venture Partners, LLC,⁵ Columbia Capital Equity Partners IV (QP), L.P.,⁶ Columbia Capital IV, LLC, Battery Ventures VII, L.P., and Battery Partners VII, LLC.⁷ Applicants state that the M/C Venture entities have interests in telecommunications carriers that provide competitive wireline services in multiple states.⁸ Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.⁹

Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Northwest Telephone, Inc. to Zayo Group, LLC, WC Docket No. 08-44 (filed Mar. 24, 2008).

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Wireline Competition Bureau finds, upon initial review, that the transfer of control identified herein is acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer of control application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies. Pursuant to section 63.03(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(a), interested parties may file comments **on or before April 10, 2008**, and reply comments **on or before April 17, 2008**. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.¹⁰ Comments must be filed electronically using (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(a) ("All comments on streamlined applications shall be filed electronically"); *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia; Citynet Virginia, LLC, a subsidiary of CFN, provides intrastate wholesale bandwidth services in Virginia.

⁴ The following U.S. citizens are the executive managing members of Oak Associates XII, LLC: Bandel L. Carano, Edward F. Glassmeyer, Ann H. Lamont, and Frederic W. Harman.

⁵ The following U.S. citizens are the executive managing members of M/C Venture Partners, LLC: James F. Wade, David D. Croll, Mathew J. Rubins, John W. Watkins, and John Van Hooser.

⁶ The following U.S. citizens are the executive managing members of Columbia Capital Equity Partners IV (QP), L.P.: James B. Flemming, Jr., R. Philip Herget, III, and Harry F. Hopper III.

⁷ The following U.S. citizens are the executive managing members of Battery Partners VII, LLC: Tom Crotty (Executive Managing Member), Rick Frisbie, Ken Lawler, Morgan Jones, Scott Tobin, Dave Tabors, Mark Sherman, and Roger Lee.

⁸ The identities and service areas of these affiliates are listed in the application on pages 16.

⁹ 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(i).

¹⁰ Such authorization is conditioned upon receipt of any other necessary approvals from the Commission in connection with the proposed transaction.

- Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS, <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>, or the Federal eRulemaking Portal, <http://www.regulations.gov>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
- For ECFS filers, if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.

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